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2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 78]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 16]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
 - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy) ☐ Unexecuted
 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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 - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2)
and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy
of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered
as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application
and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
 - b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior application,
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
15. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to ASAHI
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 - a. ☒ Claim of Priority
 - b. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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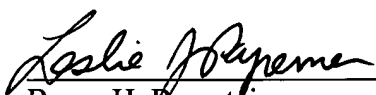
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application Nos. 8-245244, filed September 17, 1996; 8-245245, filed September 17, 1996; and 8-255030, filed September 26, 1996. As required by the Statute, certified copies of the Japanese applications have been filed in parent Application No. 08/932,197, filed September 17, 1997.

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A decision of rejection has been made for this application, as per the reasons given in the Notice of Decision of Rejection dated Sept. 12, 2002. The contents of the written opinion and amendment of proceedings have been examined, but it has been determined that they do not contain basis for overturning of the reasons for rejection.

Note:

Allowing for switching of the A/D converter's conversion precision according to the CCD line sensor's saturation output voltage is published in Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No.07-327130, and therefore does not represent novelty.

The above is hereby attested to be the same as that information kept on file.
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